Proposals for Joint Venture Abroad

1999. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of proposals are pending for joint ventures abroad;

(b) what are the total number of joint ventures operating at present;

(c) what was the position in this regard during 1988;

(d) by what time a final decision is likely to be taken in respect of the pending proopsals; and

(e) what are the names of the countries where these joint ventures will be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b). 22 applications for joint ventures are under various stages of consideration. These relate to Cayman Island, Malaysia, Hungary, USSR, USA, Somalia, Nepal, Australia, Singapore, Jordan nd Thailand.

(b) and (c) 150 joint ventures were reported to be in operation as on 30th June, 1989 as against 152 ventures on 31st December, 1988.

(d) Decision on joint ventures is generally taken within 2-3 months from the receipt of an application. However, more time may be required in some cases which need indepth examination of specific intricate issues by various scrutinising agencies, including the Indian Missions abroad.

Directions Issued to Steel Authority of India Limited for Implementing Pollution Control Measures

2000. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has imposed stringent conditions on the Steel Authority of India Limited in respect of massive modernisation of Durgapur Steel Plant;

(b) if so, what were the conditions imposed by the Ministry;

(c) to what extent they have been complied with; and

(d) to what extent the Ministry's proposal for earmarking a separate sum for various environmental improvements, has been implemented by the Steel Authoity of India?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The provisional environmental clearance was issued in June, 1987 and the final clearance in May, 1989. Several conditions for improving the existing pollution control measures and adopting new inplant control systems during the implementation of modernisation programme were stipulated. The details are given in the annexed statement. (*See* below).

(d) Steel Authority of India Limited has earmarked Rs. 221.11 crores for various environmental protection schemes at the Durgapur Steel Plant.